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1. KING, QUEEN OF TONGA ARRIVE IN TAIPEI SEPT. 19.

THE KING AND QUEEN OF TONGA ARRIVED IN TAIPEI FOR A ONE-WEEK VISIT. THIS IS THE FIRST CHIEF OF STATE TO VISIT THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA THIS YEAR. PRESIDENT YEN CHIA-KEN LED GOVT OFFICIALS TO WELCOME THE GUESTS. PRESIDENT YEN SAID THAT UNDER KING TUPOU'S BRILLIANT LEADERSHIP, THE KINGDOM OF TONGA HAS MADE, IN RECENT YEARS, GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS IN BOTH POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FIELDS WHICH HAVE WON WORLD-WIDE ADMIRATION. KING TUPOU'S STATE VISIT WILL "FURTHER CEMENT THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION" BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, PRESIDENT YEN ADDED. THE KING, IN HIS SPEECH, STRESSED THAT THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA HOLD A STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT POSITION IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC AREA.

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2. SAUDI MINISTER URGES JAPAN TO INFLUENCE U.S. ON ISRAEL.

SAUDI ARABIA'S OIL MINISTER SHAYKH AHMAD ZAKI YAMANI WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT ANY INCREASE IN ITS OIL SUPPLIES TO JAPAN DEPENDED ON HOW JAPAN COULD STEP UP ITS ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SAUDI ARABIA. HE SAID JAPAN COULD NO LONGER INCREASE ITS CRUDE IMPORTS THROUGH INTERNATIONAL

OIL COMPANIES, AND COULD DO SO ONLY THROUGH DIRECT DEALS WITH OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES.

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, YAMANI WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT WHETHER SAUDI ARABIA WOULD INCREASE ITS OIL PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES TO JAPAN AND OTHER COUNTRIES DEPENDED ON HOW SOON ISRAEL COULD BE PERSUADED TO WITHDRAW FROM THE OCCUPIED LAND AND PEACE COULD BE RESTORED IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

THE SAUDI MINISTER, CRITICIZING THE UNITED STATES AS THE MOST POWERFUL WESTERN NATION SUPPORTING ISRAEL, URGED JAPAN TO TRY TO PREVAIL ON THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO SEEK EARLY APPROVAL OF A UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE DISPUTED WEST BANK AND SANAI.

3. MISSION CALLED "GRAVE MILITARY PROVOCATION".

PYONGYANG DOMESTIC SERVICE IN KOREAN. THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS' AGGRESSIVE FORCES COMMITTED A GRAVE MILITARY PROVOCATION BY CONDUCTING SPY ACTIVITIES THROUGH AN SR-71 HIGH-SPEED, HIGH-ALTITUDE RECONNAISSANCE PLANE, WHICH INFILTRATED TWICE INTO THE SKIES OF THE COASTAL AREA OF THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE REPUBLIC.

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THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE REPUBLIC CLEARLY SHOWS IT IS ACCELERATING FURTHER WAR PREPARATIONS BEHIND THE SCENES OF A U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWAL AND IS OPENLY SCHEMING TO CREATE ARTIFICIAL TENSION IN KOREA. VANCE

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